

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A liquid crystal display containing a multilayer film comprising a substrate bearing an aligned fixed liquid crystal layer wherein the liquid crystal layer contains a Lewis acid.
2. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 1 wherein the Lewis acid is an aprotic acid.
3. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 2 wherein the Lewis acid contains an element from rows 1-5 of the Periodic Table.
4. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 2 wherein the Lewis acid contains an element from rows 1-4 of the Periodic Table.
5. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 2 wherein the Lewis acid contains an element from rows 1-3 of the Periodic Table.
6. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 2 wherein the Lewis acid contains an element from group 2a-7b or 2b-5a of the Periodic Table.
7. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 2 wherein the Lewis acid contains an element from group 2a-3b or 3a-4a of the Periodic Table.
8. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 2 wherein the Lewis acid contains an element from group 4b or 3a of the Periodic Table.
9. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 2 wherein the Lewis acid contains a compound of B, Al, Ti, Zr, Sn, Sb, Sc, La, or Zn.
10. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 2 wherein the Lewis acid contains a halogen or an organic ligand.

11. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 10 wherein the Lewis acid contains a halogen.

12. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 10 wherein the Lewis acid contains a fluoro or chloro group.

13. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 10 wherein the Lewis acid contains an organic ligand.

14. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 10 wherein the Lewis acid contains an organic ligand selected from  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$ , and  $\text{NO}_3^-$ .

15. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 1 wherein the Lewis acid is a protic acid.

16. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 15 wherein the pKa of the protic acid is less than 10.

17. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 15 wherein the pKa of the protic acid is less than 0.

18. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 15 wherein the pKa of the protic acid is less than -5.

19. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 15 wherein the protic acid is selected from the group consisting of methanesulfonic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, acetic acid, and trifluoromethansulfonic acid.

20. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 1 wherein the liquid crystal is nematic or discotic.

21. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 1 wherein the liquid crystal contains an ester, alkoxy or cyano group.

22. (Currently amended) The film display of claim 1 wherein the liquid crystal contains a cyano group.

23. (Currently amended) The ~~film~~ display of Claim 1 wherein the Lewis acid is represented by formula (II)



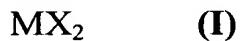
wherein:

M is an element from Group IIIa or IIIb of the Periodic Table;

n is equal to 1 or 2;

R is either the same or different C1 to C15 linear or cyclic group; and each X is the same or different halogen.

24. (Currently amended) The ~~film~~ display of Claim 1 wherein the Lewis acid is represented by formula (I)



wherein M is a Group IIB metal; and X is a halogen or organic ligand.

25. (Currently amended) The ~~film~~ display of Claim 1 wherein the Lewis acid is a salt or compound from Group IV of the Periodic Table of Elements represented by the general formula (III)



wherein M is a Group IVA or IVB metal and X is a ligand, ~~preferably a halogen~~.

26. (Currently amended) The ~~film~~ display of Claim 1 wherein the Lewis acid is a salt or compound from Group VB and VA of the Periodic Table of Elements represented by the general formula (IV)



wherein M is a Group V metal, X is a ligand, and y is an integer from 3 to 5.

27. (Canceled).

28. (Currently amended) A process for imparting an increased tilt angle to a ~~polymeric~~ liquid crystal layer upon curing comprising including in that layer a Lewis acid ~~salt or compound~~ according to claim 1.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) The process of claim 28 wherein the Lewis acid ~~salt or compound~~ is present in an amount of at least 0.25 wt%.

31.-33 (Canceled)